



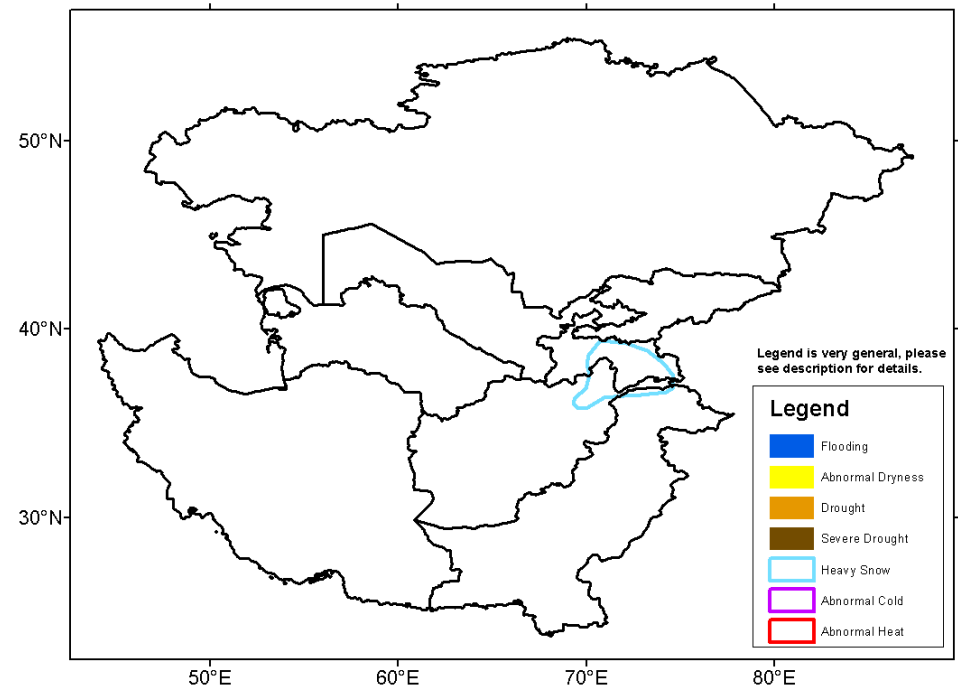
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook November 1 – 7, 2018

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures returned to the region during late October with the largest positive anomalies (5 to 9 degrees C) observed across southwest Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and northwest Afghanistan. Maximum temperatures exceeded 35 degrees C in Turkmenistan and bordering areas of Afghanistan. Below-normal temperatures are forecast to overspread the region during the first week of November. Minimum temperatures are likely to fall below 5 degrees C in the lower elevations of Afghanistan during the next week.

Precipitation

The above-normal temperatures during late October were accompanied by mostly dry weather. Despite the recent dry weather, precipitation has averaged at or slightly above normal across northern Afghanistan due to frequent rain and high-elevation snow during mid-October. As of October 29, snow water equivalent anomalies are positive across northeast Afghanistan. An area of upper-level low pressure is forecast to bring widespread rain and high-elevation snow (10 to 50 mm, liquid equivalent) across northern Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during the first week of November. A heavy snow hazard is posted for areas where the GFS model indicates snowfall amounts exceeding 30 cm.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.